

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 1~~

An apparatus including:

a media presenter,

wherein the presenter is adapted for use in an automated banking machine,

wherein the presenter includes a housing,

wherein the housing includes an outlet,

wherein the presenter includes a gate arrangement,

wherein the gate arrangement includes a gate,

wherein the gate is movable between a closed position and  
an open position,

wherein in the closed position the gate prevents  
passage of a currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein in the open position the gate permits  
passage of the currency note stack through the  
outlet,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one cam arm,

wherein the at least one cam arm is connected to the gate,

wherein movement of the at least one cam arm is  
operative to move the gate between the closed  
position and the open position,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one actuator lever,

wherein an arm of the at least one cam arm is located  
adjacent to a lever of the at least one lever,

wherein one of the arm and the lever includes an  
angled slot,

wherein the other of the arm and the lever  
includes a pin,

wherein the pin is movable in the  
slot,

wherein the lever is movable relative to the arm,

wherein actuation of the lever is operative to move  
the arm.

3. (original) The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein actuation of the lever causes the pin to move along the slot.

4. (original) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the arm includes a first arm end and a second arm end, wherein the first arm end is connected to the gate, wherein the second arm end includes a pivot axis, wherein the arm is operative to pivot about the pivot axis.

5. (original) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the lever is linked with the arm, wherein the lever includes the slot, wherein the arm includes the pin.

6. (original) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the slot is angled upward, wherein the pin is operative to move upward in the slot, wherein the gate correspondingly moves in an opening direction as the pin moves upward in the slot.

7. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 1~~

An apparatus including:

a media presenter,

wherein the presenter is adapted for use in an automated banking machine,

wherein the presenter includes a housing,

wherein the housing includes an outlet,

wherein the presenter includes a roller shaft having plural rollers thereon,

wherein the roller shaft is located adjacent the outlet,

wherein each roller includes an outer circumferential surface  
having a center portion and tapering portions,

wherein the center portion is located between tapering portions, wherein ~~the~~ a diameter of each tapering portion narrows in a direction extending away from the center portion,

wherein the presenter includes a gate arrangement,

wherein the gate arrangement includes a gate,

wherein the gate is movable between a closed position and an open position,

wherein in the closed position the gate prevents passage of a currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein in the open position the gate permits passage of the currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one cam arm,

wherein the at least one cam arm is connected to the gate,

wherein movement of the at least one cam arm is  
operative to move the gate between the closed  
position and the open position,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one actuator lever,

wherein the at least one lever is movable relative to the at  
least one cam arm,

wherein actuation of the at least one lever is operative to  
move the at least one cam arm.

8. (original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the presenter includes a plurality of belts, wherein each center portion supports a belt thereon.

9. (original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the presenter includes at least one rail, wherein the at least one rail has a flexible end adjacent the outlet, wherein the presenter is operative to pass notes between at least one flexible end and the rollers, wherein the positional relationship of the at least one flexible end and the rollers is operative to impart a wavy configuration to notes passing therebetween.

10. (original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein each rail is adapted to have a stack of notes moved thereon.

11. (original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein each flexible end is aligned opposite a respective tapering portion.

12. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 11~~

An apparatus including:

a media presenter,

wherein the presenter is adapted for use in an automated banking machine,

wherein the presenter includes a housing,

wherein the housing includes an outlet,

wherein the presenter includes a gate arrangement,

wherein the gate arrangement includes a gate,

wherein the gate is movable between a closed position and an open position,

wherein in the closed position the gate prevents passage of a currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein in the open position the gate permits passage of the currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one cam arm,

wherein the at least one cam arm is connected to the gate,

wherein movement of the at least one cam arm is operative to move the gate between the closed position and the open position,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one actuator lever,

wherein the at least one lever is movable relative to the at least one cam arm,



wherein actuation of the at least one lever is operative to  
move the at least one cam arm,

wherein the presenter includes a roller shaft,

wherein the presenter includes at least one rail,

wherein a rail of the at least one rail is adapted to have a stack of  
notes moved thereon,

wherein the rail has a flexible end adjacent the outlet,

wherein a the flexible end comprises a flexible  
finger,

wherein the flexible finger is spring biased  
toward the roller shaft.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein a rail of the at least one rail  
comprises an elongated rail body and a split end, wherein the rail body extends in a first  
direction, wherein the split end is adjacent the outlet, wherein the split end includes ~~an elongated~~

the flexible finger and ~~an elongated~~ a flanged finger, wherein both the flexible finger and the flanged finger extend in the first direction.

14. (original) The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the flanged finger comprises an end tip portion, wherein the end tip portion extends in the first direction a greater distance than the flexible finger, wherein the end tip portion includes a lip extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

15. (original) The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the flanged finger comprises a transverse portion extending substantially perpendicular to the first direction, wherein the transverse portion includes a raised hump, wherein the raised hump contributes to impartation of the wavy configuration.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2 ~~1~~ wherein the presenter comprises a currency presenter in an ATM, wherein the currency presenter contains at least one currency note therein.

17. (currently amended) A method of operating the apparatus recited in claim 2 ~~4~~, comprising:

- (a) moving a currency note stack in the presenter toward the gate;
- (b) actuating the at least one lever to cause the gate to move to the open position;

(c) moving the currency note stack through the outlet.

18. (original) An apparatus including:

a media presenter,

wherein the presenter is adapted for use in an automated banking machine,

wherein the presenter includes a housing,

wherein the housing includes an outlet,

wherein the presenter includes a gate arrangement,

wherein the gate arrangement includes a gate,

wherein the gate is movable between a closed position and an open position,

wherein in the closed position the gate prevents passage of a currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein in the open position the gate permits passage of the  
currency note stack through the outlet,

wherein the gate arrangement includes at least one cam arm and at least  
one actuator lever,

wherein a lever is located adjacent to an arm,

wherein the arm includes a first arm end and a second arm  
end,

wherein the first arm end is connected to the gate,

wherein the second arm end includes a pivot axis,

wherein the arm is operative to pivot about  
the pivot axis,

wherein movement of the arm about  
the pivot axis is operative to move  
the gate between the closed position  
and the open position,

wherein the lever is movable relative to the at least one arm,

wherein one of the arm and the lever includes a slot,

wherein the slot is angled upward,

wherein the other of the arm and the lever includes a pin,

wherein the pin is operative to move upward in the slot,

wherein actuation of the lever is operative to move the arm,

wherein actuation of the lever causes the pin to move upward in the slot,

wherein the gate correspondingly moves in an opening direction as the pin moves upward in the slot.

19. (new) A method of operating the apparatus recited in claim 12, comprising:

- (a) moving a currency note stack in the presenter toward the gate;
- (b) actuating the at least one lever to cause the gate to move to the open position;
- (c) moving the currency note stack through the outlet.

20. (new) The apparatus according to claim 12 and further including an automated teller machine (ATM), wherein the ATM includes a currency note dispenser, wherein the presenter is in the ATM, wherein the presenter comprises a currency note presenter, wherein the currency note presenter is operative to present at least one currency note to a user of the ATM during a currency note dispensing transaction.

21. (new) The apparatus according to claim 2 and further including an automated teller machine (ATM), wherein the ATM includes a currency note dispenser, wherein the presenter is in the ATM, wherein the presenter comprises a currency note presenter, wherein the currency note presenter is operative to present at least one currency note to a user of the ATM during a currency note dispensing transaction.